

CONVENTION—UNITED STATES AND THE TWO SICILIES.

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FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

*Transmitting a copy of a Convention between the United States and the King of the Two Sicilies.*

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JANUARY 24, 1833.

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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WASHINGTON, January 24, 1833.

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:*

I send, herewith, a convention concluded on the 14th day of October last, between the United States and his Majesty the King of the Two Sicilies. This treaty has been ratified by me agreeably to the constitution, and the ratification will be despatched to Naples without delay, where there is no doubt it will be ratified by his Sicilian Majesty.

The early communication of this treaty is considered proper, because it will be necessary to provide for the execution of the 1st article, in order that our fellow citizens may, with as little delay as possible, obtain the compensation stipulated for by this convention.

ANDREW JACKSON.

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*Convention between the Government of the United States of America, and his Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, to terminate the reclamations of said Government for the depredations inflicted upon American commerce by Murat, during the years 1809, 1810, 1811, and 1812.*

The Government of the United States of America, and his Majesty the King of the kingdom of the Two Sicilies, desiring to terminate the reclamations advanced by said Government against his said Majesty, in order that the merchants of the United States may be indemnified for the losses inflicted upon them by Murat, by the depredations, seizures, confiscations, and destruction of their vessels and cargoes, during the years 1809, 1810,

1811. and 1812, and his Sicilian Majesty desiring thereby to strengthen with the said Government the bonds of that harmony not hitherto disturbed, the said Government of the United States, and his aforesaid Majesty, the King of the kingdom of the Two Sicilies, have, with one accord, resolved to come to an adjustment, to effectuate which, they have respectively named, and furnished with the necessary powers, viz. The said Government of the United States, John Nelson, esquire, a citizen of said States, and their Chargé d'Affaires near his Majesty the King of the kingdom of the Two Sicilies; and his Majesty, his excellency D. Antonio Maria Statella, Prince of Cassaro, Marquis of Spaccaforo, Count Statella, &c. &c. &c., his said Majesty's Minister, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, &c. &c., who, after the exchange of their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed to the following articles:

#### ARTICLE I.

His Majesty the King of the kingdom of the Two Sicilies, with a view to satisfy the aforesaid reclamations for the depredations, sequestrations, confiscations, and destruction of the vessels and cargoes of the merchants of the United States, (and for every expense of every kind whatsoever, incident to, or growing out of, the same) inflicted by Murat during the years 1809, 1810, 1811, and 1812, obliges himself to pay the sum of two millions one hundred and fifteen thousand Neapolitan ducats to the Government of the United States; seven thousand six hundred and seventy-nine ducats, part thereof, to be applied to reimburse the said Government for the expense incurred by it in the transportation of American seamen from the kingdom of Naples during the year 1810, and the residue to be distributed amongst the claimants by the said Government of the United States, in such manner, and according to such rules, as it may prescribe.

#### ARTICLE II.

The sum of two millions one hundred and fifteen thousand Neapolitan ducats, agreed on in article the first, shall be paid in Naples, in nine equal instalments of two hundred and thirty-five thousand ducats, and with interest thereon at the rate of four per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of the interchange of the ratifications of this convention, until the whole sum shall be paid. The first instalment shall be payable twelve months after the exchange of the said ratifications, and the remaining instalments, with the interest, successively, one year after another. The said payments shall be made in Naples into the hands such person as shall be duly authorized by the Government of the United States to receive the same.

#### ARTICLE III.

The present convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications thereof shall be exchanged in this capital in the space of eight months from this date, or sooner, if possible.

In faith whereof, the parties above named have respectively subscribed these articles, and thereto affixed their seals. Done at Naples, on the fourteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

JOHN NELSON.

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THE PRINCE OF CASSARO.

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